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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HEZEMANS ET AL.

Examiner

HENOK G. HEYI

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08/02/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 02/22/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the figures in Schell reference do not show the specific circuit configuration of the instant application as depicted in figure 2. Though the said figures of Schell are not exactly the same with fig. 2 of the current application, Schell teaches mechanisms controlled by feedback loop (see col 11 lines 9-26 and Fig. 112). A control method using feedback loop is well known in the art and there is no novelty to it.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda US 2001/0019526 A1 (Takeda hereinafter) in view of Schell et al. US 6,434,087 B1 (Schell hereinafter).

Regarding claim 1, Takeda teaches a tray mechanism (mounting tray 3, Fig. 1) consisting of sliding means (slide means 4, Fig. 1) comprising an electrical tray motor (motor M 16, Fig. 1), for moving a tray- provided for containing a disc on which information is recorded - from a projected position, for the placement of the disc or its discharge, to a contained one, for the reproduction of recorded information, or

reciprocally, and a drive power source, for supplying an applied voltage to said tray motor (The drive means 14 is composed mainly of an output motor 16, a drive source 8 for supplying an application voltage to the output motor 16, para [0048]), said sliding means also including control means for supplying different values of the voltage applied to the tray motor according to different mechanical functions controlled by said motor (wherein said slide means has: an output motor and a drive source for supplying an application voltage to the output motor, para [0015]) but Takeda is silent about said sliding means includes, for the tray steering, a motor current feed-forward loop comprising the following elements : a first direct branch, itself comprising in series a first amplifier of the input voltage applied to the loop, the tray motor and a resistor ; a second branch, the input of which is connected between the output of the tray motor and the input of the resistor that is not connected to the earth, said second branch itself comprising in series a second amplifier and an adder, and said adder receiving on one input the input voltage applied to the loop and on the other one the output of said second amplifier.

However, Schell teaches an optical disc system with current monitoring circuit with feedback loop (see col 11 lines 9-26). Schell also teaches circuitry comprising resistors, amplifiers (see col 67 lines 59-65) and adders (see col 76 lines 44-58) see also Fig. 112. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the optical disc reproducing apparatus of Takeda to have a current feed loop. The modification would have been obvious because of the benefit

of amplifiers and adders in increasing the power output of the motor as taught by Schell in the Cartridge loading explanation on page 2 and 3 of the specification.

Regarding claim 2, Takeda teaches a disc reproducing apparatus comprising an apparatus body (Fig. 1), pickup means for picking up recorded information from a disc and a tray mechanism for sliding said disc (an apparatus main body including pickup means for picking up recorded information from an optical disc, para [0014], with respect to said apparatus body, either to a projected position, for the placement of the disc or its discharge, or to a contained position, for the reproduction of recorded information, said tray mechanism (mounting tray 3, Fig. 1) consisting of sliding means (slide means 4, Fig. 1) comprising an electrical tray motor (motor M 16, Fig. 1) and a drive power source for supplying an applied voltage to said tray motor (The drive means 14 is composed mainly of an output motor 16, a drive source 8 for supplying an application voltage to the output motor 16, para [0048]), said sliding means also including control means for supplying different values of the voltage applied to the tray motor according to different mechanical functions controlled by said motor at different moments (wherein said slide means has: an output motor and a drive source for supplying an application voltage to the output motor, para [0015]) but Takeda is silent about said sliding means includes, for the tray steering, a motor current feed- forward loop comprising the following elements : a first direct branch, itself comprising in series a first amplifier of the input voltage applied to the loop, the tray motor and a resistor ; a second branch, the input of which is connected between the output of the tray motor

and the input of the resistor that is not connected to the earth, said second branch itself comprising in series a second amplifier and an adder, and said adder receiving on one input the input voltage applied to the loop and on the other one the output of said second amplifier.

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Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HENOK G. HEYI whose telephone number is (571)270-1816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on (571) 272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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